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Corps and state cooperate to conserve Jordan Lake during drought

Wilmington, NC—"At the request of the North Carolina Division of Water Resources, we are taking a very proactive step to manage B. Everett Jordan Lake," said Terry Brown, Water Control Manager for the Wilmington District. "We stepped our releases down from 500 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 450 cfs today."

"The Corps is doing this reduction based on the advice and consultation with both the North Carolina Divisions of Water Resources and Water Quality," said Tom Fransen, of the State DWQ. "As of today about 50 percent of the water quality pool storage in Jordan is remaining. With no significant rainfall forecast for the next few weeks, the appropriate action is to farther reduce low-flow releases from Jordan Lake."

The flow cutbacks will keep the Corps flows in the Cape Fear River at their target minimum, Brown said. "We aim for 600 cfs, plus or minus 50 cfs, at the Lillington gage," Brown said. "If the drought continues, further cutbacks could be needed. Any further actions we take to reduce flows will be done with in coordination with the North Carolina DWR and DWQ."

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